

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 12974 181433Z

63

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 IO-14 ISO-00 NEA-10 AF-10 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01

PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 ACDA-19 SSO-00 CCO-00

INRE-00 USSS-00 OMB-01 SAJ-01 DRC-01 /159 W

----- 011345

R 181349Z OCT 73

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3164

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 12974

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR, XF

SUBJ: FRG AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST AT MFA

1. SUMMARY: IN MEETING OCTOBER 16 FRG AMBASSADOR SAHM WAS TOLD BY CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION ISRAELYAN THAT A SOLUTION OF THE PRESENT CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAS ONLY POSSIBLE IF THE ARAB STATES REGAINED FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL TERRITORIES LOST IN 1967. ISRAELYAN CONJECTURED THAT THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WOULD NOT CHANGE THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF DETENTE WHICH IS NOW UNDERWAY. END SUMMAY

2. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR SAHM'S GENERAL QUERIES ISRAELYAN SAID THAT CONSULTATIONS WERE NOW UNDERWAY TO FIND A SOLUTION WHICH WAS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. ISRAELYAN SAID A SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT WAS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT A SOLUTION OF THE MAIN QUESTION. THIS REFERRED TO THE REGAINING OF FULL SOVEREIGNTY BY THE ARAB STATES OVER ALL TERRITORIES LOST IN THE 1967 SIX-DAY WAR. THIS IS, OF COURSE, A RADICAL SOLUTION AND THE US WOULD AGREE TO SUCH A POSSIBILITY ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY. NEVERTHELESS, THE
CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 12974 181433Z

SOVIET POSITION IS BACKED BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. ALL OTHER SOLUTIONS WOULD BE A MERE PALLIATIVE.

3. AMBASSADOR SAHM STRESSED THAT THE FRG POSITION IS THAT THE FIGHTING MUST STOP AND THAT A POLITICAL SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND ON THE BASIS OF RESOLUTION 242. ISRAELYAN REPLIED THAT THE SOVIET UNION ALSO REGRETTED THE BLOODSHED AND SUPPORTED THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. BUT A MERE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES WOULD NOT REMOVE THE BASIC TERRITORIAL QUESTION. THE ARAB SIDE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ACHIEVE A SOLUTION THROUGH POLITICAL MEANS AND HARBORS A GREAT DISTRUST OF THE UN AT THE PRESENT TIME. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WAS INTERESTING, ISRAELYAN SAID, THAT NO SIDE HAD APPEALED FOR A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AT THE UN UP TO NOW, PRESUMABLY FEELING THAT THIS PROVIDED NO SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

4. WHEN AMBASSADOR SAHM SUGGESTED THAT THE CONFLICT COULD SET BACK THE PROCESS OF DETENTE, ISRAELYAN EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE BUT THE SOVIET SIDE FELT THAT THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WOULD NOT CHANGE THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE PROCESS NOW UNDERWAY. AT THE SAME TIME, HE REGRETTED EVEN TO EXPRESS THE THOUGHT THAT THE EXACERBATION OF THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST MIGHT PROVE TO BE AN OBSTACLE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SECURITY IN EUROPE. NEVERTHELESS, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS CONVICTED THAT THE POLICY OF DETENTE HAS BEEN FIXED AND THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO CONTINUE THIS TREND. FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION SHOULD BE PART AND PARCEL OF THIS PROCESS. ISRAELYAN ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE ATMOSPHERE WAS NOW FAVORABLE FOR POSITIVE SOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND THAT THE SITUATION WOULD NOT DEVELOP INTO A BROAD CONFRONTATION. EVERYONE, HE ADDED, SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN PREVENTING THE CONFLICT FROM SPREADING TO A WORLD-WIDE WAR WHICH COULD INVOLVE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPON. TIMERBAYEV, ISRAELYAN'S DEPUTY, ADDED AT THIS POINT THAT THE CONFLICT MIGHT ALREADY HAVE SPREAD BEYOND ITS PRESENT PROPORTIONS IF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE HAD NOT ALREADY BEGUN.

5. AMBASSADOR SAHM CONCLUDED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE INTERESTED IN LOCALIZING THE CONFLICT AND THAT THEY DID NOT WISH THE PRESENT DETENTE TREND TO BE ENDANGERED.
DUBS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973MOSCOW12974
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS DUBS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731024/aaaaarqh.tel
Line Count: 98
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: garlanwa
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28-Sep-2001 by willialc>; APPROVED <05-Dec-2001 by garlanwa>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FRG AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST AT MFA
TAGS: PFOR, UR, XF
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005